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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals

APPLIES TO: Managed Care, Fee-for-Service

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Billing Medicaid for Services Provided in a Certified Level 2 or 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2017

This letter modifies information regarding NICU billing contained in [Informational Letter 1374](#)¹ dated March 26, 2014. Effective for discharge dates on or after April 1, 2017, the IME and MCOs will require providers to bill for services rendered in a certified level 2 or level 3 NICU using the primary hospital National Provider Identification (NPI) number. The separate Medicaid ID for the certified unit will no longer be used for billing Iowa Medicaid. Providers must use the appropriate revenue code descriptive of the service or the setting where the service was delivered, based on the tables below.

Unit	UB Revenue Code	Diagnosis Related Group	Weight	Iowa Medicaid DRG Weight Level
Neonate Certified Level 3	170 171 172 173 179	789	0.2951	Standard (Level 1) DRG Assignment and Weight
		790	5.6808	
		791	2.1092	
		792	0.5709	
		793	0.8015	
		794	0.3674	
		795	0.2875	
	174	7897	5.5517	Level 3 DRG Assignment and Weight
		7907	9.7320	
		7917	5.0660	
		7927	1.5407	
		7937	1.5971	
		7947	0.4851	
		7957	0.2875	

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1374%20Distinct%20Enrollment%20for%20Certified%20Units.pdf>

Unit	UB Revenue Code	Diagnosis Related Group	Weight	Iowa Medicaid DRG Weight Level
Neonate Certified Level 2	170 171 172 179	789	0.2951	Standard (Level 1) DRG Assignment and Weight
		790	5.6808	
		791	2.1092	
		792	0.5709	
		793	0.8015	
		794	0.3674	
		795	0.2875	
	173 174	7892	0.6632	Level 2 DRG Assignment and Weight
		7902	5.6808	
		7912	2.3050	
		7922	1.5407	
		7932	1.3285	
		7942	0.4851	
		7952	0.2875	
All Other Hospitals	170 171 172 173 174 179	789	0.2951	Standard (Level 1) DRG Assignment and Weight
		790	5.6808	
		791	2.1092	
		792	0.5709	
		793	0.8015	
		794	0.3674	
		795	0.2875	

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us